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FLAMES DESTROY BEAUTIFUL HOME

Thayer Residence on the
Banks of Maple Lake
Is In Ruins.

FIRE CAUGHT FROM CHIMNEY

Contents of House Saved. Loss Partially Covered by Insurance. Will be Rebuilt.

"Riverside," the magnificent Thayer residence on north Kalamazoo street, was gutted by fire Wednesday forenoon. The fire started in the attic from the fireplace chimney and had a good start before discovered. The fire department responded promptly to the call and fought valiantly to save the building, but the second story was destroyed and the lower part of the building practically ruined. The nearest hydrant to the residence is in front of the Cavanaugh home, which required a long line of hose to reach the fire. This occasioned some delay, but the fire had gained such headway before discovered that it was doomed from the start. With the aid of the fire engine and the hardest kind of work by the fire department a portion of the first floor was saved.

A large crowd soon gathered to assist in carrying out the furniture. All the contents except some pieces of furniture up stairs, even to the doors and windows were saved. The building was insured, but only for a small percentage of its value, and the loss is a heavy one.

The residence was one of the most beautiful homes in Paw Paw and its loss is keenly felt by the Thayer families and by the community in general.

The Thayers have rented the Hanson house, the first building east of the school house. They will move there next week and will occupy it until their own home is rebuilt, which will be as soon as possible.

O'GRADY BROTHERS AT THE LONG BRICK

The E. Smith clothing stock has been purchased by the O'Grady brothers, Ed. and Jim, who will continue the business at the old stand "The Long Brick" under the firm name of O'Grady Brothers. Jim has been with the firm of E. Smith and Co., for many years while Ed. has been in the business nearly a year. Both boys are well and favorably known, not only in this vicinity, but throughout the county. They have had years of experience in the mercantile business, are good mixers, courteous and obliging. We predict for them a most successful future, in the store that has been one of the leading clothing establishments in Southwestern Michigan for half a century. Congratulations, boys, and may success crown your efforts.

CONKLIN-MARKILLIE

A pretty marriage ceremony was performed at the home of Mrs. Charity Southworth last Sunday afternoon. The bride was Miss Ella M. Markillie, a beautiful little school teacher of Hartford, Michigan, and the groom was Walter A. Conklin, a prosperous fruit farmer of the same place. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. W. Heaton in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Will Prater, Mrs. Charity and Miss Margaret Southworth, and Mrs. C. H. Heaton of Paw Paw, and Miss Grace Bodine of Battle Creek. After a few days the happy couple will be at home in Hartford, Michigan.

ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Don Prehn of Lawton was arrested by Undersheriff Lang last Saturday on a warrant charging him with bastardy. He was taken before Judge Rowland, where he waived examination and in default of \$400.00 bail was confined in the county jail to await trial.

TWO EXCELLENT TICKETS IN FIELD FOR ELECTION MONDAY

REPUBLICAN TICKET

President—Dr. W. C. Y. Ferguson.
Clerk—Harold D. Spicer.
Treasurer—Dr. H. L. Charles.
Trustee—H. E. Ball.
Trustee—Dr. W. F. Hoyt.
Trustee—C. W. Van Tassell.
Assessor—Jerome C. Warner.

Much interest is being manifested in the village election which takes place next Monday.

Two splendid tickets have been nominated. The republican and democratic. The personnel of each is given above.

The republican caucus was held at the council rooms last Monday evening, and it was the largest village caucus ever held in Paw Paw. The large attendance was largely due to a contest for village clerk, Harold D. Spicer, who has served out the unexpired term of W. V. Hall, was opposed by Jay Dodge. Much preliminary work had been done, and every republican was out to cast a vote for the candidate of his choice. A canvass of the vote for clerk showed that 115 votes had been cast. Spicer received 68, Dodge 44, blank 3.

The caucus was called to order by Guy F. Warner, member of the village committee. Judge Wm. Killefer was elected chairman, Guy F. Warner clerk, and Ed. Bailey and Harry Waters, appointed tellers. The officers

DEMOCRATIC TICKET

President—Charles Lake.
Clerk—Ed. O'Grady.
Treasurer—Manley Nunnerly.
Trustee—Daniel Morrison.
Trustee—Oscar E. Smith.
Trustee—Glenn Munson.
Assessor—L. E. Shepard.

were sworn by the venerable Judge O. W. Rowland.

The ballot for clerk was the only one taken in the caucus, the balance of the ticket being nominated by acclamation.

Jesse T. Wilson was nominated for trustee, but declined the honor. The village committee named Dr. W. F. Hoyt to fill the vacancy on the ticket. On motion, M. H. Young, Guy F. Warner and H. W. Showerman were named a village committee to succeed themselves.

The Union caucus was called for last Saturday night and adjourned to Monday night, when those present decided to nominate a straight Democratic ticket. The attendance was small and an adjournment was taken until Tuesday evening. There were no contests in this caucus, and the entire ticket was nominated by acclamation. H. L. McNeil was chairman, Wm. H. Mason, clerk and Chas. Lake and E. B. Longwell tellers.

PRIMARIES ARE QUIET AFFAIRS

No Contests Makes Very Light Vote
Sixty-one Votes Cast in
Paw Paw.

There were 61 votes polled in Paw Paw on primary day. Of these 32 were republican and 10 democratic. Nineteen ballots were not counted by the election inspectors on account of being improperly marked. Of these 19 votes, two were progressive, the only two progressive ballots cast, no name appearing under that head and no name being written in. Four were democratic ballots and 13 were republican. The entire expense of the election was a waste of money and emphatically exposes one of the objectionable features of the present primary law.

ONE CASE OF DIPHTHERIA

Miss Florence Pepper is very ill with diphtheria. This is the only case this far, although some have been exposed. Health officer Dr. Maxwell deemed it advisable to close all departments of the village schools this week, and it is hoped that with the precautions taken the dreaded disease has been checked.

FIELD DAY AT DECATUR

In reporting the sessions of County Teachers' Association held in Paw Paw last week, we inadvertently omitted the meeting of the County Athletic Association. The next Field Day meet will be held in Decatur, June 5. The county will be divided as last year into the baseball schedules, the same teams participating.

NEED MORE SCHOOL ROOM

Bloomington also needs an addition to its present school building. So says the Bloomington Leader. A special election has been called for Wednesday, March 10 to vote on the proposition of issuing bonds in the sum of \$15,000 for this purpose.

LAWTON SUFFERS IMMENSE LOSS

Fire Destroys Packer's Department
Store and High School
Buildings.

Our sister village of Lawton suffered two disastrous fires last Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, and the L. A. Packer store and public school building are in ruins.

The Packer store burned Saturday night. The fire was discovered soon after midnight. It started in the clothing department, and is supposed to have been caused by defective wiring.

For a time the entire east side of Main street was in danger and it is probable that the solid brick wall which separated the burning building from the bank building on the north is what saved the entire east side of Main street from destruction. Fearing that the Lawton fire department could not cope with the situation, an emergency call was sent to the Paw Paw fire department. The local boys headed by chief M. H. Young, responded promptly. The hose carts and hook and ladder wagon were quickly loaded on a car and rushed to the scene by special train. They were not unloaded however, as there was nothing more that could be done when the boys arrived.

The building and contents were insured for approximately two-thirds of their value, which was said to be something like \$18,000.00.

On Sunday the school building burned. It is supposed to have caught from a defective chimney between the new and old parts of the building. The building was insured for \$13,000.00 and contents for \$2,000.00. Some of the contents on the lower floor were saved. A new school building will be erected soon. In the meantime school will be held in the town hall and in the various churches of the village.

MACCABEES HELD LIVELY CARNIVAL

The Lady Maccabees were busily buzzing around Memorial hall Saturday and while they were not gathering honey, they were dispensing sweets and pulled off the biggest bake sale ever staged in Paw Paw. Stacks of pies with flakey crusts, long rows of cakes luscious and tasty, bushels of doughnuts, frosty and crispy, melted away before the crowds of grasping buyers.

Trees loaded with grape-fruit and oranges, cookies with ice cream, home made candies, popcorn, etc., were everywhere, while a goose that grabbed a nickle everytime he "honked" all helped to extract currency from the unwary who ventured near the "Hive". Downing's orchestra dispensed music and the bees all seemed happy, especially when the receipts were counted and they realized that their exchequer would be swelled to the extent of forty-five dollars. Girls, you certainly do make mighty good stuff to eat.

GOOD HOME FOR LITTLE ONE

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wheeler recently adopted a little one, about five months old from the Children's Home at Coldwater. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are to be commended. Such an act of charity for an innocent babe is worthy. It tends to make the world better, as it is in the little ones that we shall find the future of America. The baby has a good home and should be a great comfort to its foster parents.

CANADIAN COIN AGAIN AT PAR

The restriction placed on the circulating of Canadian silver was short lived. It is again circulating at par the same as United States coin. Both banks are accepting the coin at par, which means of course that it is good at any business place, and at the post office.

TRIED TO KILL FOSTER MOTHER

Mrs. Frank Van Blaricom
Seriously Wounded
By Son.

ASSAULT WAS PREMEDITATED

Boy Hid in the Barn and Waited for
Victim. Fired Charge From
Shot Gun.

A terrible shooting affair took place at the home of Frank Van Blaricom near Paw Paw early last Saturday morning when Mrs. Van Blaricom was seriously wounded by a charge of shot fired from a sixteen guage shot gun in the hands of an adopted son. The deed was premeditated, and was planned and executed with the cunning and coolness of a Jesse James, rather than of a mere stripling of a boy but 13 years of age.

It has been the custom of Mrs. Van Blaricom to assist with the chores at the barn. Bert, the adopted son, it seems, arose early Saturday morning, went to the barn with his 16 guage shot gun, given him but a short time ago by his foster parents, climbed to the hay loft where he could command a view of the lower floor of the barn, unobserved and there awaited his mother's coming. She soon appeared and when she had reached a point scarcely more than 20 feet away and with her back turned to the boy, he pulled the trigger. The charge struck her just below the shoulder, covering a space of probably eight or ten inches across. The victim did not realize what had happened, and called for help. There was response from the little villain.

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IDLE HOUR

Saturday Afternoon and
Night, March 6th.



"THE SPOILERS"

William Farnum and Kathlyn Williams
in Rex Beach's Greatest Success

---Prices---25c To All---

No Extra Charge For Reserved Seats. Seats May Be Reserved By Phone

Matinee 3 P. M. Night Show 7:30

Nine reels and a thrill in every foot. This feature rents for \$100.00 per day. The Selig Film Co. spent over one million dollars producing this picture with its players in the Alaskan Gold Fields.

EXTRA MUSIC

Blame no one but yourself if you miss this one.

TWO SHOWS ONLY

BLACK FACE ARTISTS ARE ALL READY FOR BIG SHOW

The date for the big minstrel show has been definitely settled. March 10 is the date, and all roads will lead to Longwell's opera house for this event. Seats are on sale and early reservations indicate that the house will be packed to its capacity. The show will be given under the auspices of the Paw Paw Commercial club.

The best home talent, assisted by some outside talent are working hard to make this the best entertainment ever given in Paw Paw. There will be the traditional First Part, with six "end men", a splendid circle, interlocutor and orchestra. Our well known

merchant V. A. Lepper will be interlocutor. The "Line-up" will include many "stars" of by gone days.

The Olio or second part will be a special feature of the evening's entertainment. There will be many numbers in this part of the program that will both surprise and delight the audience. Yes, the Minstrel Show will be a hummer. You can't afford to miss it. It will be a scream from start to finish. If you haven't already made your reservation you should do so at once. The capacity of the opera house will be taxed to the limit, and not a single one in the audience will be disappointed.

MINSTRELS!

Paw Paw Commercial Club
Wednesday, March 10, 1915
OPERA HOUSE PAW PAW

A Grand Aggregation of Musical
Marvels and Renowned
Cork Artists

Coon Dances and the Beautiful New
Dances given by one of Michigan's
Most Celebrated Dancers

Jokes, Instrumental Selections
Solos, Trios, etc., etc.

Everything that goes to make
the Minstrel show the best
liked entertainment offered
the American Public. : :

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10th, '15
OPERA HOUSE PAW PAW

Tickets now on Sale.